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The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination please enter the following in the above subject application.

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 21 and 23 as follows:

21. (Amended Once) An apparatus for cleaning an irradiated nuclear fuel assembly, comprising:

a housing configured to receive an irradiated nuclear fuel assembly; and  
a plurality of ultrasonic transducers that each produce omnidirectional ultrasonic energy waves and positioned on said housing.

23. (Amended Once) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said housing comprises an elongated housing having a bottom end and further comprising a base plate attached to said bottom end of said elongated housing to support said elongated housing.

Please add new claim 29 as follows:

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said housing is configured to receive an irradiated boiling water reactor nuclear fuel assembly.